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Governor Cooper,

I am writing to respectfully request three public hearings, sponsored by NC DEQ, to address the recent and unsatisfactory economic development concerns, claims, and submissions by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). I know that you care about the environment of our State. I have seen this with your courageous stand against offshore drilling. Please continue to stand with the environment, and with our most vulnerable populations - the indigenous people, the people of color, and so many others in eastern NC who live along the route of the proposed ACP.

I strongly urge you to take as strong a stand against the ACP as you have done with offshore drilling.

The ACP has been justified by claiming that it will provide economic benefits for the people in the eight counties in its path. But, in its thousands of pages of submissions to NC DEQ and others, the ACP has **failed to provide persuasive data or details to support this claim.** (Please see attached report).

DEQ has been asking ACP questions about this claim since September and ACP has repeatedly sidestepped the inquiries. **I am writing to request that the DEQ immediately hold public hearings in Robeson, Cumberland, and Johnston Counties regarding the ACP's economic development claims and submissions.** These hearings will enable you, the DEQ, and the Attorney General's office to hear public input about these important questions, and to review it as a part of the 401 Water Quality Permit application.

I respectfully ask that you authorize the Attorney General to IMMEDIATELY direct DEQ to initiate public hearings to address the economic development concerns and other concerns, claims, and submissions by the ACP.

Thank you for your continued service to the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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